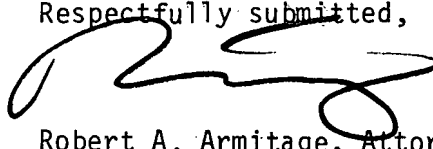


Further, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this rejection on the grounds that the present claims, while possibly not patentably distinguishable from the claim in S.N. 819,940, nonetheless are not directed to the same subject matter. Hence, these two sets of claims represent an obviousness-type double patenting situation which can be remedied by the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer in S.N. 819,940. Obviously, a Terminal Disclaimer cannot be filed in the above-captioned application since it would have no effect, i.e., until one patent issues there is no patent term extant to which the Terminal Disclaimer could apply.

For the reasons presented below, reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection and passage of the instant application to issue is respectfully solicited.

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